



**Library of Michigan  
Foundation**

**2006 Ernie and Tram Go to Bat for Michigan Public Libraries Fund**

**AWARD GUIDELINES**

Now for its second year, with Ernie Harwell and Alan Trammell's support, the Detroit Tigers generously offered to donate back to the Library of Michigan Foundation \$9 of every \$20 upper-deck box seat ticket sold by Michigan's public libraries for the May 21<sup>st</sup> game at Comerica Park. The proceeds, totaling just over \$7,000, are safely tucked temporarily away in the Library of Michigan Foundation. These funds are to be used to create or expand existing library endowment funds within a private or community foundation.

Seven awards of \$1,050 each will be awarded to libraries that meet this year's program criteria. Emphasis will be given to libraries establishing new endowment funds.

There is a community foundation that serves every community in Michigan. Libraries that do not have a community foundation in town should contact Michigan Community Foundations at [www.forgoodforever.org](http://www.forgoodforever.org) to locate their foundation.

**Criteria and Eligibility**

- 1) Public libraries from anywhere in Michigan are eligible to apply
- 2) Applications will be evaluated according to class size
- 3) Applicant libraries must be able to raise \$1,000 by May 1, 2007 in order to receive one of the \$1,050 match awards
- 4) Funds raised by the applicant library in this calendar year (since January 1, 2006) count for the match
- 5) No public/operational funds (i.e. attained from normal appropriations or millages) are allowed to count for the match
- 6) The match award will be paid out by the Library of Michigan Foundation following receipt of detailed verification provided by the applicant library of how the \$1,000 was raised

**Timeline**

- 1) Application forms accepted between August 15, 2006 and October 31, 2006
- 2) Libraries selected for the match awards will announced by December 1, 2006
- 3) Match verification may be completed any time prior to, but no later than May 1, 2007
- 4) The Library of Michigan Foundation will disburse funds soon after the match verification is received

### **Application Requirements**

1. Applicant libraries must show that they have already established or are in the process of establishing an endowment fund with a private 501 c (3) foundation or with a community foundation
2. Applicant libraries establishing a new endowment fund with a community foundation must do so by no later than March 1, 2007 in order to qualify for an award
3. Applicant libraries that already have an endowment fund with a private foundation or community foundation must show proof of the fund's current value
4. Applicant libraries must show a commitment to fund raising and must explain how they plan to grow the fund in the future. Please answer these questions: Do you have a fund raising structure in place? Do you have a Friends group that helps with fund raising activities? What fund raising activities have you or your Friends held in the past (book sales, etc.)? How successful were? What fund raising activities are you planning for the future?

### **Online Resources**

- 1) Check the Library of Michigan Foundation's website (Ernie & Tram Go to Bat for Libraries) at [www.michigan.gov/lmfoundation](http://www.michigan.gov/lmfoundation)
- 2) Check the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) at [www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) for online information about establishing foundations and/or funds with community foundations
- 3) Information about the Council of Michigan Foundations can be found at: <http://www.cmif.org>
- 4) Information on Michigan Community Foundations can be found at: <http://www.forgoodforever.org/>

### **Questions?**

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